Get Involved

The public comment period closes August 1, 2014

Ten days after this public hearing, on August 1, 2014, the public comment period will close. VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this hearing. This information, including the hearing summary, will be available for review at the VDOT office listed below. After all comments have been addressed, the information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer or designee for consideration. If approval of the major design features is received for this project, it will move forward to the final design phase. Public hearing participants will be notified of this decision by letter.

Information must be postmarked, emailed or delivered by August 1, 2014 in order to be included in the public hearing record. Project information shared here is available for review after this public hearing at:

VDOT Richmond District 2430 Pine Forest Drive Colonial Heights, VA 23834



Newbys Bridge Road at Shepherd's Watch Drive

Please call 1-800-367-7623 or TTY/TDD 711 if you have any questions.

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Design Public Hearing Newbys Bridge Road Corridor Improvements

Chesterfield County

Tuesday, July 22, 2014, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Chalkley Elementary School Cafeteria 3302 Turner Road Chesterfield, VA 23832

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) public hearing on the proposal to improve the vertical and horizontal alignments in four locations on Newbys Bridge Road in Chesterfield County.

This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on his/her own behalf or representing a group or governing agency, to give the department comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project.

VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and programs affecting them.

VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

A comment sheet is included in the handouts for this meeting, and your input is encouraged. All oral and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

Project Overview

Four projects along the Newbys Bridge Road corridor

Cost - \$8.9 million

Purpose – Improve vertical and horizontal alignments

Location – Newbys Bridge Road between Sussex Drive and Celestial Lane

Project Length – 0.88 miles



Newbys Bridge Road near Sunnygrove Road

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

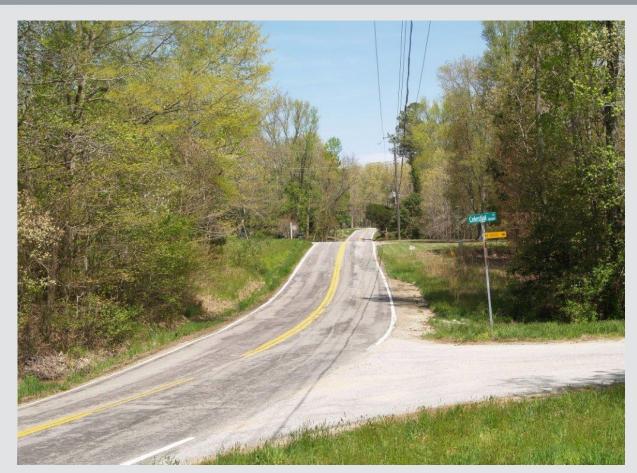
The purpose of the four projects is to improve the vertical and horizontal alignments along Newbys Bridge Road (Route 649) between Sussex Drive and Celestial Lane.

The new roadway will be widened from the existing 20 ft. to 22 ft. with 8 ft. shoulders. These improvements will meet VDOT's standard for Urban Minor Arterial roadways by reducing the curvature and improving the sight distance along the corridor. All projects will require the relocation of utilities.



Newbys Bridge Road near Sussex Drive

Project Graphic



Newbys Bridge Road at Celestial Lane

Estimated Project Cost

Four projects' totals

Total Cost: \$8.9 million

Engineering of roadway plans: \$1.2 million

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation: **\$2.7 million**

Construction: \$5.1 million

These projects are in the early design stage. Therefore, costs above are subject to change.

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information in regards to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager listed on the back of this brochure.

Right of Way

The new construction of the Newbys Bridge Road corridor improvements may require the displacement of families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

As we further develop and finalize the development of this project, additional easements for utility relocation may be required beyond he proposed right of way shown on the public hearing plans. The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Information about right of way acquisition is discussed in VDOT's brochure entitled, "Right of Way and Utilities: a Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available from a VDOT right of way agent.

After this meeting, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the right of way contact listed on the back of this brochure.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Design approval – Fall 2014

Begin right of way acquisition - Spring 2015

Begin construction – Spring 2017

Environmental Review

VDOT's Richmond District Environmental Office has performed environmental reviews and coordination to obtain information about environmental resources in the project vicinity; to provide natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the project during its development, and to identify opportunities for avoidance, minimization and mitigation of potential environmental impacts.

Two projects involve federal funds and have National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation prepared for them in the form of Programmatic Categorical Exclusions. The NEPA documents have been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The NEPA documents include information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality, noise, etc.

The projects will continue to be coordinated with the appropriate federal, state and local agencies as part of the environmental review and approval processes required throughout project development and construction. All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to commencement of construction. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals, and implementation of VDOT's specifications and standard best practices will protect the environment during construction.

The NEPA documentation and the results of other environmental studies are available at today's meeting. Representatives from VDOT's Environmental Section are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.